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THE REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN.

The bill pending at Albany for the establishment in New York or Brooklyn of a reformatory for women is a proposed measure which pleads for itself. It should be promptly passed and signed and the institution for which it provides should then, as expeditiously as possible, be located, commenced, completed and opened for its great usefulness.

The State outside of New York and Kings counties already has its reformatories where girls and young women who have taken first, perhaps thoughtful steps in crime may be isolated from bad influences and gently turned towards right ways of living. In the two counties named, as matters are at present, only the penitentiaries, with their rigorous discipline and their bands of miscellaneous criminals, many of them steeped body and soul in vice, await to receive the freshly guilty.

There is no doubt that many and many a woman for whom there had still been hope has received in the penitentiaries the finishing impulse to a continued life of crime. There is no doubt that many another woman will receive this impulse as long as the penitentiary remains as the only place to which such offenders may be sent.

The Sulzer bill provides that to the new reformatory shall be sent all female prisoners between the ages of sixteen and thirty convicted for the first time of offenses beginning with public drunkenness, and ranging up to and including petty larceny. None of these sins is unpardonable. No woman fresh in the commission of any one of them has placed herself beyond hope. And the age limitations are such as to bring the reformatory inmates all within a period at which they will be most susceptible to good influences.

There is an immense field to be worked for good in the line of this proposed reformatory. The project should be carried through.

BREAK UP THIS TRUST.

The voice of protest against the coal monopoly created under the "Reading deal" grows daily louder. In the interests of the great public, which will be vitally affected by the methods of the combine, the Coal Trust must be broken up.

Students of the statutes in Pennsylvania and in New Jersey are confident that powers lie therein to spoil the monopoly. There is a question, too, if National laws may not be brought to bear on the case.

The combine is a conspiracy against the poor man's coal-burn. It will make coal scarcer and dearer. It must go.

The new insane asylum bill which THE EVENING WORLD described in detail yesterday should promptly be made laws. The provision for female physicians and attendants for the women patients is in accord with the highest human consideration. There is no argument against it. As for the proposed law allowing each inmate of an asylum (except insane criminals) to have certain correspondence which the asylum authorities may not inspect, it opens as effectual a way as has yet been devised by which conspiracies to confine insane persons as lunatics may be blocked. Such conspiracies carried to success are hardly less deeply criminal than outright murder. And many have succeeded in the past.

There is a touch of pathos in this phrase from an obituary notice of this morning: "Beloved mother-in-law of HENRY CLAY." It is MRS. AMELIA SCOTT who has died. Having been more than a centenarian, she was entitled to distinction of her own; but her crown of an hundred years is overshadowed to a tender pride in her relationship to a brilliant son of the America of more than a generation ago.

Gov. FLOWERS' first veto shows him wide awake to the law and the legislative proprieties. It was not in itself a dangerous thing for the men at Albany to vote a change of name to a little church in Catsbane, but the Governor saw clearly the peril of setting even so individually harmless a precedent as this for special legislation.

A special course of practical bank operating and stock and bond dealing has been established in the English High School in Boston. Will the Faculty insure the country against an over-production of young Napoleons of finance?

It does not appear that last night's crash on the Kings County L. road was unavoidable. No one was hurt seriously, but the management would do well to take a stitch in time in the rent fabric of the road's running system.

Earth's feathered choir should chant a dirge for the twenty-four canaries suffocated through the fire in an uptown apartment house yesterday.

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Both the big Museums in the Park should be open every Sunday. Let the city be generous to this end.

A Kindred Feeling.

Jeans' My chaplain has been dismissed and an older one engaged.

Beas—You didn't have a difference of opinion, did you?

Jeas—Never; we always fell in love with the same man.

Simpler.

Servant to Squibs, in his new boarding-place—shall I get some ice, sir?

Squibs—No; it isn't necessary. Just put the pitcher of water in the stove.

Early History.

Trotting—Well, his wife raised Cain.

Dinning—Whose wife?

Trotting—Adam's.

THE DUES OF A WIFE.

Should the Husband Who Loves Her Give Her a Salary?

If a Woman's Work Is Never Done, What Will Pay for It?

The Discussion of This Topic Closes at Noon, Friday, Feb. 19.

The discussion in this column of the question, "Should Wives Receive Salaries?" will be closed at noon of Friday, Feb. 19. No letters received after that hour will be eligible for the prize. All letters received prior to noon of Friday will be considered by the committee making the award, though it is obviously impossible to print more than a few. The discussion is governed by the following conditions: Letters must not contain more than 200 words, written on one side of the paper and addressed to "Wife Editor, Evening World, Pulitzer Building, New York." A prize of \$20 will be given for the best letter on the topic.

A Postmaster's View.

To the Editor: When we were wed, he registered this vow: "With all my worldly goods I'll endow." So, if I rightly understand the law, I own the man himself and all that's his. And I for one shall think it over twice before I'll permit a clerk to give "retentions." Most surely and in various complications. To be paid for sickness, damage, loss and fire. All this must be considered when you hire. Should you remark, "I've worked so hard today," I'll respond, "For this you get your pay." But where's the "salary" when he's out of work? And when you don't feel well and loaf a day, Yes, salary grabbers, will he work your pay? On this point may let daylight in. When does the servant and, the wife begin?

EMILY DUNNELL.

No Salary Is Adequate.

To the Editor: If the man can afford to place in the bank a good round sum to his wife's credit on his wedding day, let him do it; there is nothing so humiliating to her as to ask her husband for her pay.

But if he has only a salary, then I advise that together they lay so much away, after all expenses are paid, the bills being sent to "my lord," then the purse to be equally open to the little woman who does so much to earn it.

"True marriage and it has been proven many other a fallow seldom brings the question of money. If both know the state of finances and the income they will work accordingly."

A salary for what? Tenderness, loving confidence, loyalty in every action and word, devoting one's life to one man, can any salary pay for it? Ah, no; let the bank book be open for her, but pay your wife by cherishing her, and loving her with your strength, and steering the bark, which is your life, safely down the swift, rushing tide of life.

LAWRENCE, Hadenburg, Md.

Depends on the Case.

To the Editor: A wife should be man's companion and helpmeet. If she be economical and industrious, with a view to increasing the family funds, let there be a common purse between husband and wife, but if she be extravagant, let her have her salary according to her needs. Money is not food; they will be treated fairly. As a rule they like to be looked up to and depended on.

The wife should show mutual interest and love, forbearance, neatness and tact and take him as he is, not as he should be.

A Wife or Eleven Years.

Brooklyn Theatres.

Mario Twainwright appeared at the Park Theatre last night in a splendid performance of the play "The Millionaire." The clever actress was supported by Henry Miller, who played the part of the millionaire. The play was a success and the audience was very much pleased.

J. K. Emmett appeared before a good-sized audience at the Lee Avenue Academy last night in "The Millionaire." The play was a success and the audience was very much pleased. The quartet were recalled several times to repeat some of their melodies.

Manager Howard played a star attraction at his theatre last night, in "The Millionaire." The play was a success and the audience was very much pleased.

"No; what about it?" inquired Murray Hill.

"Why," said "Updown," "a man lay there in the house nine days before the family would bury him. Had the funeral yesterday."

"Why, gracious! what a case! That's an outrage. Why didn't they bury him before?"

"No; not exactly that," and "Updown," drawing Hill's ear down and towards his mouth, said: "That wasn't it. He was not dead."

Unnumbered.

"What are your political principles?"

"I have none—I'm a Republican."

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

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Miss Gretchen Frey Won "The Evening World's" Double Eagle.

She Wrote the Best Letter on "How to Manage a Husband."

Not a Matron, but a Sweet-Faced Brooklyn Typewriter.

"Dot," the winner of THE EVENING WORLD'S golden double eagle, as the writer of the best letter on "How to Manage a Husband," revealed herself to-day, and let the who wrote those womanly sentiments is not a matron, but a young girl of a perfect comely face, but a bright-eyed, laughing maiden of eighteen years, and a typewriter besides!

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Fads, Fancies and Fashions That Delight the Gentler Sex.

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